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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 3, 2004, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a European Search Report dated August 30, 2005, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 04 01 2491.9, in which the following documents were cited:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-053527, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2003-114855, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

European Patent Publication No. EP 1 229 718, together with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0105681; and

European Patent Publication No. EP 0 944 239, together with following patent family members:

U.S. Patent No. 6,463,435;
U.S. Patent No. 6,181,893;
U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0000027;
U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0038462; and
U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0027673.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner are set forth in the European Search Report.

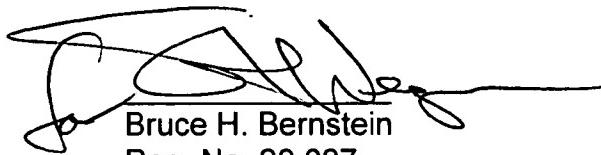
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents and the U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cited the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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